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Office of Health Policy and Planning (OHPP) Receives Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Designations for One Hundred and One Virginia Localities

The HPSA designation process attempts to uncover communities that have too few primary care, dental and mental health care providers based on clear empirical practice criteria. The designation process is built upon the idea that access to healthcare is ultimately limited by the supply of healthcare providers in a health care service area. These shortages continue to limit access to healthcare even if other barriers, such as the unavailability of health insurance, are removed. Therefore, the HPSA program has been the foundation for incentive programs to increase the number and distribution

of providers, such as the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) clinician's scholarship



and loan repayment program. Buchanan County (pictured), located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, is just one example of a Virginia HPSA. Between May 2005 and November 2006,

OHPP has submitted primary care, dental and mental HPSA designation requests to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for 101 Virginia localities. Primary care HPSAs receive an automatic 10% HPSA Medicare incentive payment from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In addition, areas approved for designations are eligible to fill the need for health professionals by recruiting foreign-trained health professionals who are eligible to participate in the J-1 Visa waiver program.

****Note: Names of HPSAs in this newsletter are for designations received between May 2005 and November 2006.**

For most up to date list of HPSAs in Virginia, visit <http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov>



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HPSA Overview

Description of Virginia's Health Professional Shortage Areas

PRIMARY CARE HPSA

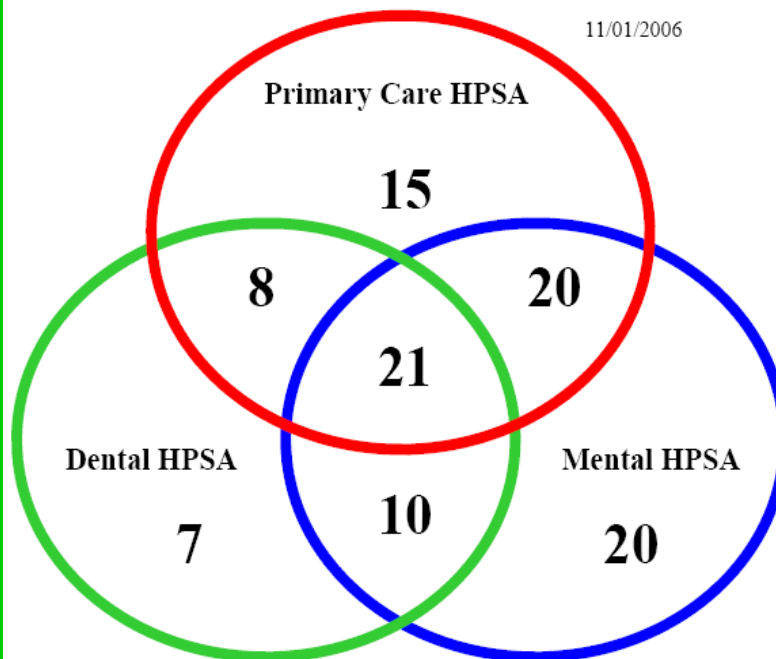
- Virginia has **53** primary care geographic (47) and population (6) HPSA designations in 64 counties and cities throughout the Commonwealth.
- There are **50** health care facilities with HPSA designations, of which 22 are community health centers, 22 are correctional facilities and 6 are rural health clinics.
- It is estimated that it would require an additional **112.3 primary care physicians** to eliminate the shortages that are currently being experienced within the Commonwealth's primary care HPSAs.

DENTAL HPSA

- Virginia has **39** dental geographic (31) and population (8) HPSA designations in 46 counties and cities throughout the Commonwealth.
- There are **30** health care facilities with dental HPSA designations, of which 20 are community health centers, 9 are correctional facilities and 1 is a free clinic.
- It is estimated that it would require an additional **125.7 dentists** to eliminate the shortages that are currently being experienced within the Commonwealth's Dental HPSAs.

101 Virginia Localities with HPSA Designations

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MENTAL HPSA

- Virginia has **18** mental health geographic (16) and population (2) HPSA designations in 71 counties and cities throughout the Commonwealth.
- There are **47** health care facilities with HPSA designations, of which 23 are community health centers, and 24 are correctional facilities.
- It is estimated that it would require an additional **63.7 psychiatrists** to eliminate the shortages that are currently being experienced within the Commonwealth's Mental Health HPSAs.

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OHPP's Role in the HPSA Process


OHPP is federally mandated through the HRSA Primary Care Cooperative Agreement to oversee the designation process. All due diligence is exerted to proactively survey the entire Commonwealth for potential HPSA candidates. To this end OHPP maintains primary care physician, general dentist, and psychiatrist databases and monitors the demographics and health statistics of health care service areas to bring to light potential HPSA sites. All existing HPSAs are currently reviewed on a three year cycle to assure continuity and effectiveness of incentive programs. OHPP uses both small area analysis techniques along with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to optimize the HPSA designation process and to provide the highest degree of accuracy possible. Phone surveys of all providers within a service area (and often within contiguous areas) are required for every HPSA designation and OHPP has incorporated these surveys activities into its ongoing responsibilities.

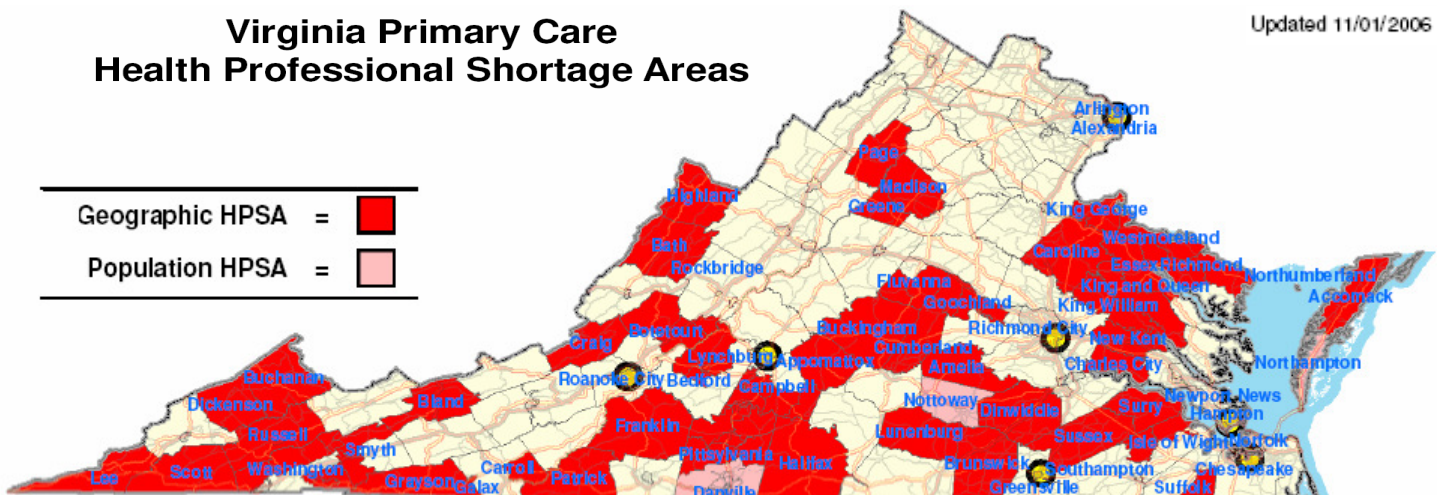
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designed to indicate shortages of primary medical care providers (defined as family practice, general internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and general practice).

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Virginia Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas

Geographic HPSA = 

Population HPSA = 



Primary Care HPSAs

Interesting Information

Designations: Single County

HPSA Name	HPSA Name
AMELIA	HIGHLAND
BATH	KING AND QUEEN
BEDFORD CITY	KING GEORGE
BLAND	KING WILLIAM
CAROLINE	MADISON
CHARLES CITY	NEW KENT
CRAIG	NORTHUMBERLAND
DICKENSON	RICHMOND
DINWIDDIE	RUSSELL
ESSEX	SURRY
FRANKLIN	SUSSEX
GREENE	WESTMORELAND



Counties in Virginia that have been designated as HPSAs.

Select Federal Programs using the HPSA Designation

Program Name

National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

- Scholarship
- Loan Repayment
- Recruitment

J-1 Visa Waiver Program

State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

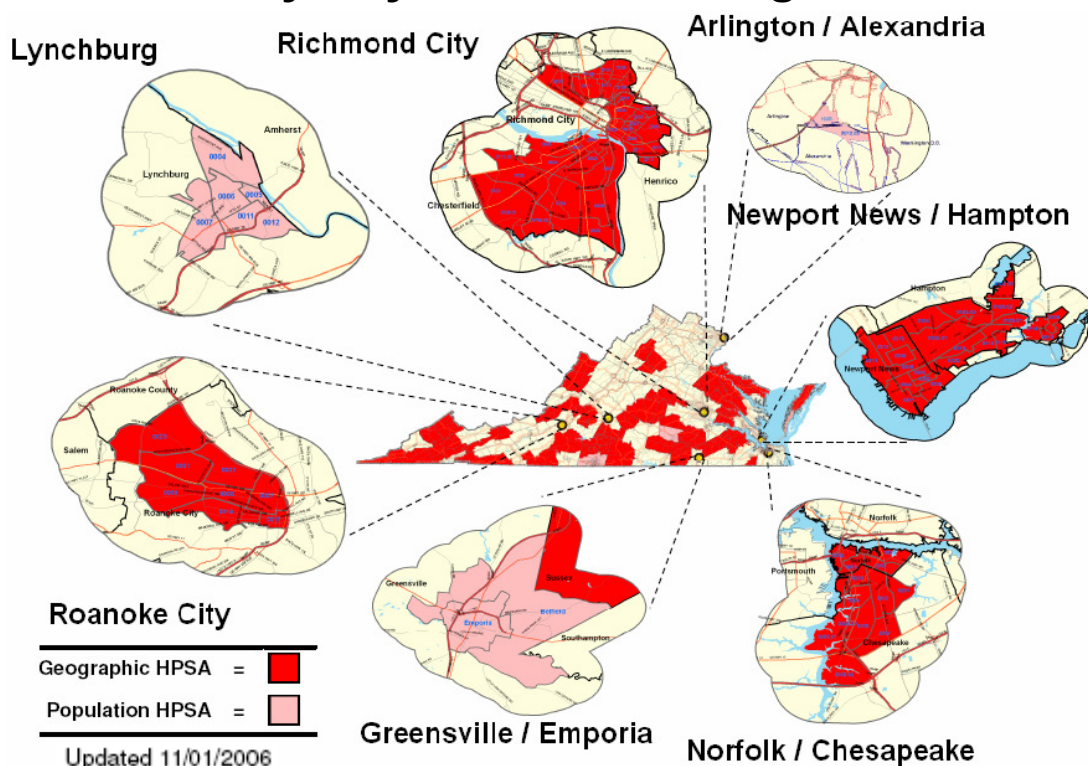
Medicare Provider Incentive Payments

Rural Health Clinic Certification

Higher "Customary Charges" for New Physicians in HPSA

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Sub-County/City Units with Designated Areas



Dental HPSAs

Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designed to indicate shortages of general dental care and take into account the number (FTEs) of dentists, which are, in turn, weighted by the age of the individual dentist and the number (FTEs) of dental hygienists and assistants associated with each dentist. Dental HPSA designations may be geographical areas or population groups within rural or urban areas, and specific medical facilities (e.g., community health centers).

Designations: Single County

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HPSA Name	HPSA Name	HPSA Name	HPSA Name
ACCOMACK	BUCKINGHAM	LEE	RUSSELL
AMHERST	CHARLOTTE	LUNENBURG	SHENANDOAH
APPOMATTOX	CUMBERLAND	NORTHAMPTON	SMYTH
BEDFORD	DICKENSON	NOTTOWAY	SURRY
BEDFORD CITY	DINWIDDIE	PAGE	SUSSEX
BRUNSWICK	FLOYD	PATRICK	WARREN
BUCHANAN	HALIFAX/S. BOSTON	RAPPAHANNOCK	WISE/NORTON

In addition to geographic and population HPSAs, there are institutional designations (Community Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, federal and state correctional facilities) that provide individual facilities with some of the same benefits as the other designations.

Interesting
Information

HPSA Designation Manager



Ken Studer, Ph.D., is currently program manager for the health shortage designation and medically underserved designation process in OHPP. He graduated from Cornell University with a Ph.D. in social policy in 1977. He has written extensively on health policy and has been active in developing rural health networks. He has been in state government over 20 years.

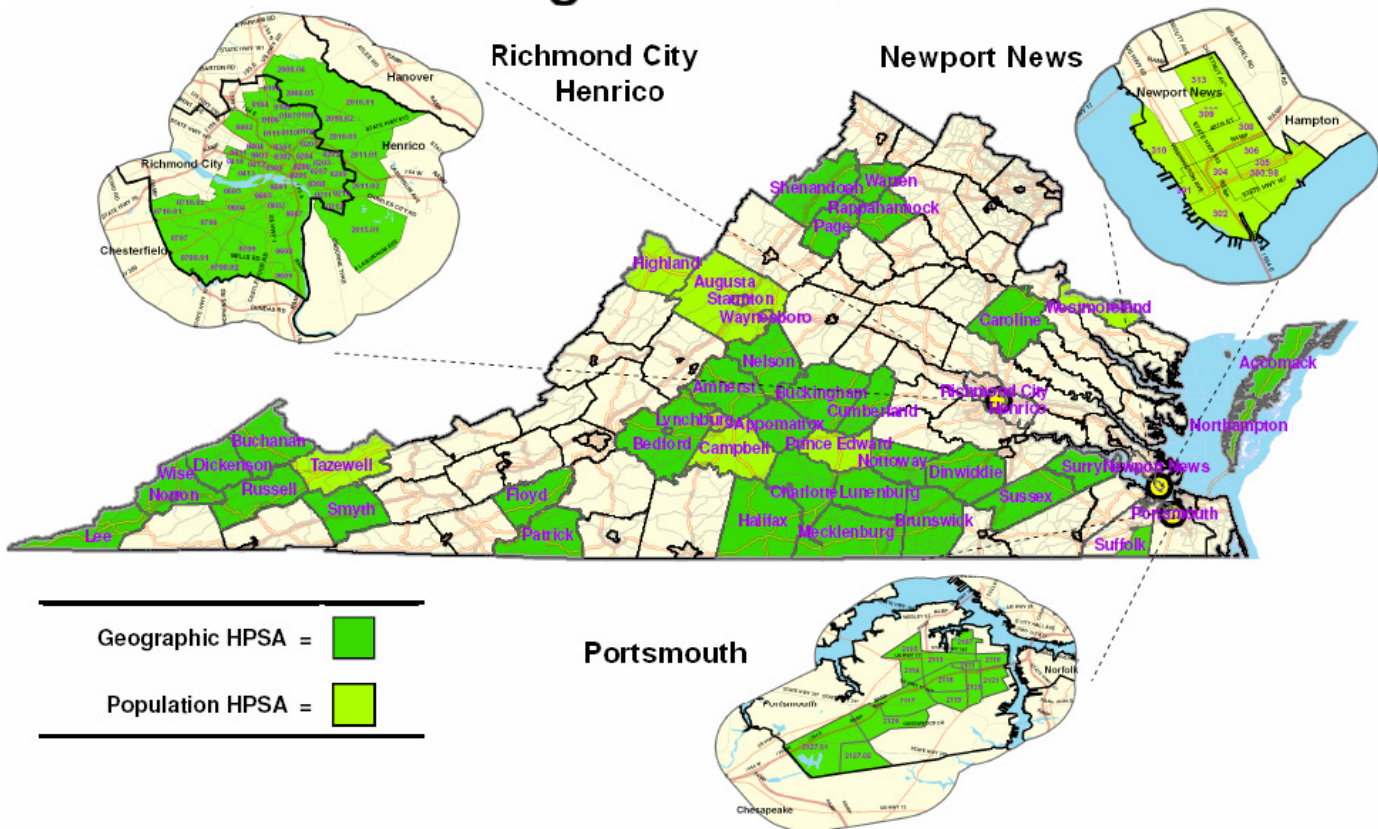
Dental HPSAs

Designations: Partial Geographic

RICHMOND METROPOLITAN C.T. 2008.04, 2008.05, 2010.001-2010.03, 2011.01, 2011.02, 2015.01, 0103.00-111.00, 201.00- 212.00, 301.00, 302.00, 305.00, 402.00-404.00, 411.00-414.00, 601.00- 605.00, 607.00-609.00, 706.00, 707.00, 708.01, 708.02, 709.00, 710.01, 710.02 (C.T.—Census Tract)

Virginia Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas

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Low-income Population


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HPSA Name	HPSA Type	HPSA Name	HPSA Type (C.T.—Census Tract)
CAMPBELL	Single County	PORTSMOUTH	C.T. 2105.00, 2107.00, 2111.00, 2114.00, 2117.00- 2121.00, 2126.00, 2127.01, 2127.02
HIGHLAND	Single County	PRINCE EDWARD	Single County
LYNCHBURG CITY	Single County	TAZEWELL	Single County

Mental HPSAs

Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designed to indicate shortages of mental health care providers which are defined as psychiatrists and other core mental health providers (e.g., clinical psychologist, psychiatric nurses, marriage/family counselors, and clinical social worker). As a rule, however, because the supply of general psychiatric services within an area is insufficient, only the shortage of psychiatrists need be demonstrated.

Virginia Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas

Geographic HPSA = Population HPSA = 

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Roanoke City

Richmond City

Norfolk City
Chesapeake City

Designations:

Partial Geographic

Norfolk City C.T. 0201.00-204.00, 205.01, 205.02, 206.00, 207.00, 209.03, 050.00-53.00

Population: Homeless

Richmond C.T. 0109.00, 110.00, 201.00, 204.00-208.00, 301.00, 302.00, 305.00, 403.00-407.00

Single County

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ACCOMACK	FREDERICK	MATHEWS	RADFORD CITY
AMELIA	GALAX CITY	MIDDLESEX	RICHMOND
BLAND	GILES	MONTGOMERY	SCOTT
BUCKINGHAM	GLOUCESTER	NORTHAMPTON	SHENANDOAH
CARROLL	GRAYSON	NORTHUMBERLAND	SMYTH
CHARLOTTE	HENRY	NORTON CITY	WARREN
CLARKE	KING AND QUEEN	NOTTOWAY	WESTMORELAND
CUMBERLAND	KING WILLIAM	PAGE	WINCHESTER CITY
DANVILLE CITY	LANCASTER	PATRICK	WISE
ESSEX	LEE	PITTSYLVANIA	WYTHE
FLOYD	LUNENBURG	PRINCE EDWARD	
FRANKLIN	MARTINSVILLE CITY	PULASKI	

Pending HPSA Designations

The following areas have had HPSA designation applications filed on their behalf by the Office of Health Policy and Planning. Their designation status is pending at the Health Resources and Services Administration's Shortage Designation Branch (SDB).

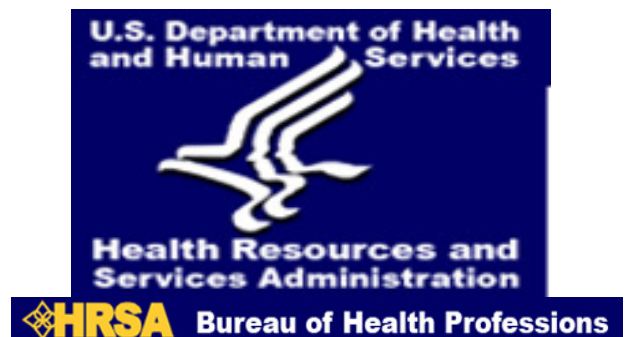


Primary Care

<u>Pending HPSA</u>	<u>Date Sent to SDB</u>
Appomattox	3/6/2006
Carroll	3/6/2006
Floyd	2/23/2006
Galax City	3/6/2006
Grayson	3/6/2006
Henry/Martinsville	11/29/2005

Dental

<u>Pending HPSA</u>	<u>Date Sent to SDB</u>
King George/Westmoreland	2/7/2006
Craig	9/28/2006
Louisa	10/2/2006
Bath	10/2/2006
Greenville-Emporia	10/2/2006



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Interesting Information

Requirements for Geographic & Population HPSA Designations	Primary Care	Dental Care	Mental Health
Geographic Population:Provider Ratio (a shortage for the total population within a defined service area) —See Partial Geographic & Single County Designations as examples.	3,500:1	5,000:1	30,000:1 (Psychiatrist)
Population Population:Provider Ratio (an underserved population in a geographic area such as Low-Income, Homeless or Migrant Farmworkers)	3,000:1	4,000:1	20,000:1
Travel Time	30 minutes	40 minutes	40 minutes

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